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EXAMINING GROUP 2181

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Title: Branch Prediction Scheme
Utilizing Multiple Branch
Predictors and Multiple
Index Hashing Mechanisms
for Determining a Final
Prediction Based on
Intermediaries

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of November 9, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.